

## The project «Every Button Counts »was funded with the support of the European Union under the Programme "Europe for Citizens"

### Applicable to the Strand 1 – European Remembrance

**Participation:** Event 3 of the project in Serbia involved 53 citizens (33 women and 20 men) plus 7 citizens from the UK, in 8 activities in the city of Subotica. A further 3870 were reached through dissemination activities. 6 million+ Charitable Trust, Huddersfield, UK, worked with LDA Subotica and ECR (Education Centre for Roma)

**Location/ Dates:** The event took place in Subotica, Serbia from 11<sup>th</sup> – 15th May 2017 in the following locations:

Activity 1: Visit to Subotica Synagogue, City Hall and Municipal Museum

Activity 2: First activity with buttons, ECR centre, Buvljak Flea Market

Activity 3: Presentation of film and stories from UK team, ECR centre

Activity 4: Sharing of testimonies, ECR centre

Activity 5: Collective Poem, ECR Centre

Activity 6: Answering key questions, ECR centre

Activity 7: Engaging with Jewish community, Red Cross event, city centre, Subotica

Activity 8: Making of small figures and discussion , LDA Subotica central offices

#### Short description:

The aims of the activities in Subotica were to:

To remember how Jewish refugees were treated across Europe during and following the Holocaust and compare that to the present day refugee crisis and Europe's response

To look at stories of individuals within the context of the history of the Holocaust and contemporary conflicts

To challenge ourselves to consider if we are doing enough to prevent genocide nationally and internationally.

To encourage creative responses to these explorations from all participants in four countries

To create a performance for Holocaust Memorial Day, highlighting the questions posed by participants and their responses expressed through image, writing, song and film.

To share outcomes with a wider European audience

Partners:

**6 million+ Charitable Trust, Huddersfield, UK**

**LDA Subotica, Serbia and ECR Subotica, Serbia (associate partner)**

**ISTORECO, Reggio Emilia, Italy**

**Stowarzyszenie Studnia Pamięci, Lublin, UK**

The day of 12/05/2017 was dedicated to visiting the synagogue in Subotica undergoing restoration, the City Hall built by Jewish architects and the Municipal Museum, a former home of a Jewish family. Also, the buttons activity with a group at the Roma Centre for Education. These activities involved a total of 32 citizens.

The day of 13/05/2017 was dedicated to the sharing of the UK "They Could Not Erase Us" film and presentation, hearing testimonies from migrants in Subotica, and a creative writing exercise to write a Collective Poem. Also, answering 4 key questions. These activities involved a total of 23 citizens.

The day of 14/05/2017 was dedicated to engaging with other initiatives in the city, and creating small figures based on those people who shared stories and messages. These activities involved a total of 46 citizens

**A total of 53 citizens participated in the project, some participating in all sessions and others attending more than one activity.**

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### Eight activities were delivered in Serbia for Event 3

#### **Activities 1 and 2**

**Participation:** The activities involved 32 citizens, including 25 participants from the city of Subotica, Serbia and 7 participants from the city of Huddersfield, UK

**Location/ Dates:** The activities took place at Subotica Synagogue, City Hall, Museum and ECR centre on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2017

**Short description:** The aims of the activities were to visit places of historical interest in the context of the Holocaust and to introduce Roma and non Roma Serbian participants to the work of 6 million+ with a creative activity using buttons.

#### **Activities 3 – 6**

**Participation:** The activities involved 23 citizens, including 16 participants from the city of Subotica, Serbia and 7 participants from the city of Huddersfield, UK

**Location/ Dates:** The activities took place in the ECR centre, Subotica on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2017

**Short description:** The aims of the activities were to present the UK film about the Holocaust Memorial Day event in the UK, share testimonies and stories from survivors in the UK and Serbia, and engage in a creative writing exercise to write a collective poem and answer 4 key questions:

1. Why is it important to remember past events?
2. What responsibility do we carry to guard against genocide?
3. How can we effect change locally, nationally and internationally?
4. What power do the arts have to express remembrance and communicate important messages?

#### **Activity 7-8**

**Participation:** The activities involved 20 citizens, including 13 participants from the city of Subotica and 7 participants from the city of Huddersfield, UK

**Location/ Dates:** The activity took place in the Jewish cultural centre, city centre and at LDA offices, Subotica on 14<sup>th</sup> May, 2017

**Short description:** The aim of the activity was to engage with groups and initiatives in the city during the morning. In the afternoon - to make small figures of those whose stories were shared and the messages they carried and to think about the creative responses participants could develop between now and their visit to the UK in October 17.

#### **Total Attendance Serbia**

Under 30: 31  
30 – 65: 14  
65+: 8  
TOTAL: 53 (33 women, 20 men)